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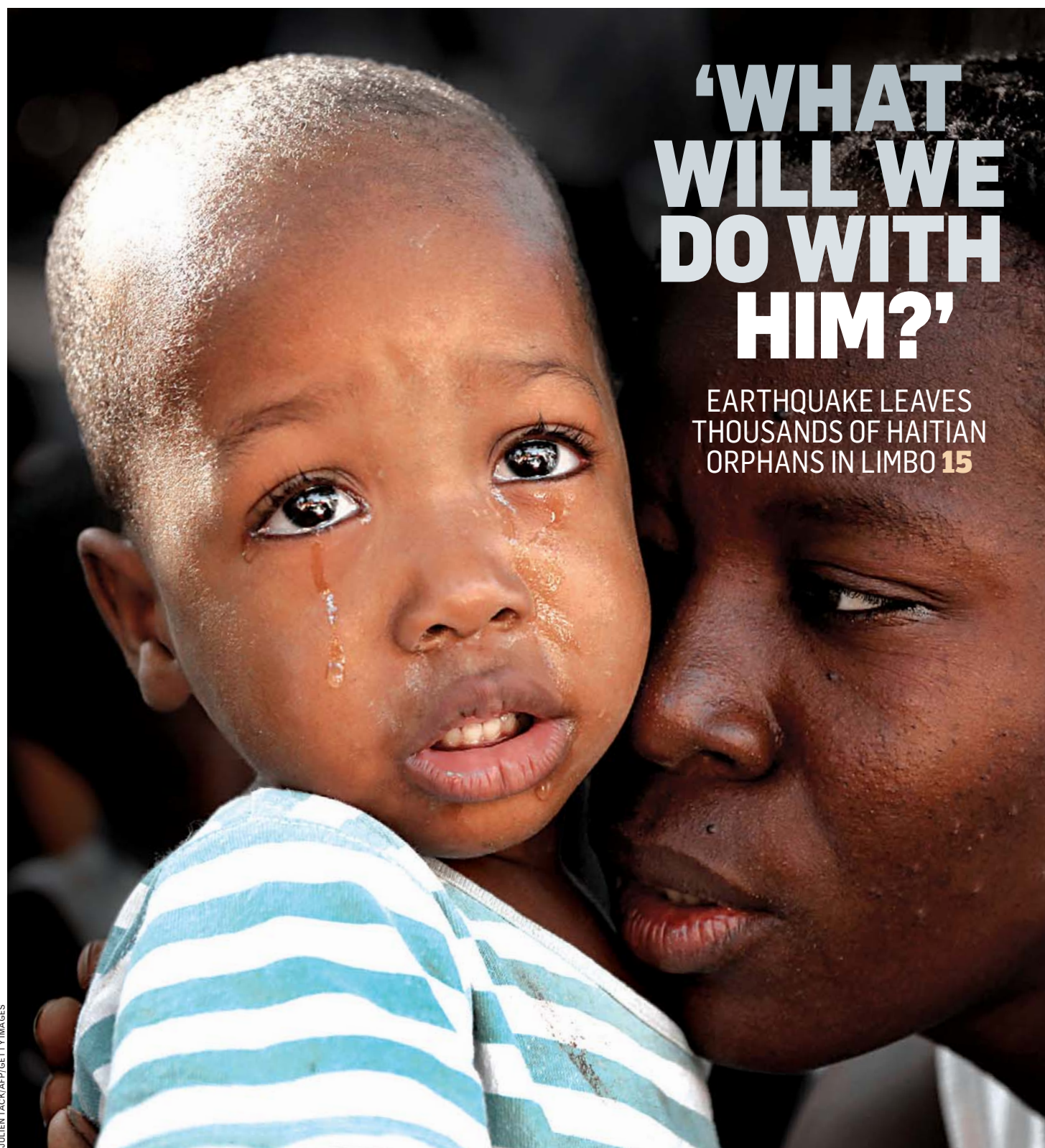


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A woman comforts a toddler at a Haitian orphanage that was destroyed in the Jan. 12 earthquake. Aid groups says tens of thousands of children were orphaned by the quake.

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EYE OPENERS

Neighbors Don't Thank God He's a Country Boy

Police responding to a complaint of loud noise have cited a Fond du Lac, Wis., man for blaring the music of John Denver. A police officer who responded to the man's apartment last week could hear the music through the door. When asked why he was playing the music so loud, the man said he was "rocking out." He was cited for unnecessary loud noise. (AP)

'Wash Me' So Passé

A Pennsylvania man has been fined \$50 for using his finger to write derogatory words on the dirty cab of a Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission truck. Charles J. Vranich, 33, pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct last week on a citation filed by Fish Commission Officer Jeffrey Giardina. Vranich wrote "I suck" on the officer's truck when both happened to be at the same gas station in September. (AP)

30 Days Hath September, Blah, Blah, Blah



North Dakota residents relying on a calendar issued by the city of Grand Forks will get a jump start on February. The City of Grand Forks 2010 Calendar is missing Sunday, Jan. 31. City spokesman John Bernstrom says the error was noticed when boxes of the calendar were opened before Christmas. Feb. 1 appears on the calendar as a Monday, so the rest of the year is correct. (AP)

The Big Picture



DO CHINA'S TERRA COTTA warriors make you hungry? A new museum in Beijing, opening Jan. 29, features chocolate versions of the army (560 strong), a 33-foot-long Great Wall and an assortment of well-known painting replicas. It's called, appropriately enough, the "World Chocolate Wonderland." (EXPRESS)

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AP: Hasan Docs Sanitize History

Suspect in Fort Hood attack received praise in performance evals

Washington

Supervisors of the Army psychiatrist accused in the massacre at Fort Hood sanitized his performance



Hasan

appraisals in the years prior to the shootings, according to government documents obtained by The Associated Press that reveal concerns about Nidal Hasan at almost every stage of his Army education.

Officers in charge of Hasan piled praise into the alleged gunman's record despite knowing he was chronically late for work, saw few patients, disappeared when he was on call and confronted those around him with his Islamic views.

The materials also disclose concerns that the psychiatrist-in-training might have been developing a



JERAMIE SIVLEY/AP FILE

Bystanders and soldiers crouch for cover as shots ring out at Fort Hood, Texas, on Nov. 5, 2009. Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan is accused of killing 13 people on the base.

psychosis, according to the documents, yet no mental health evaluation was done.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates released an internal Pentagon review last week that found several unidentified medical offi-

cers failed to use "appropriate judgment and standards of officership" when reviewing Hasan's performance.

Gates withheld details, noting disciplinary action is possible. But the disjointed picture emerges

through information gathered during the internal review. The material shows that the same supervisor who meticulously catalogued Hasan's problems suddenly swept them under the rug when graduation arrived.

Nothing in this record points specifically to a risk he would turn violent. But after Hasan moved to a fellowship from his residency at Walter Reed Army Medical Center — where he once appended "Allah willing" to a patient's medical chart — one instructor, Lt. Col. Donald Lundy, thought Hasan was at risk of developing a psychosis.

The documents do not address why officers who kept Hasan's academic career moving on a glide path did so despite all his known deficiencies. An Army review is expected to examine these issues.

Hasan's last officer evaluation report was to be his best. On the morning of Nov. 5, he called a superior to ask about it and was told it was ready for him to see and sign.

Instead, authorities say, he went on a killing spree. CALVIN WOODWARD AND RICHARD LARDNER (AP)

22 Arrested in Bribery Probe

Washington

Twenty-two executives and employees at suppliers to the military and law enforcement agencies were arrested on the eve of their industry's annual trade show in Las Vegas after a 2½-year undercover sting operation aimed at schemes to bribe a foreign official.

The Justice Department called the case the largest single investigation and prosecution of individuals in the history of the 1977 Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, which bars bribery of foreign government officials. The charged individuals represent companies in eight states and executives at companies in the United Kingdom and Israel. (AP)

Late Results



The special Senate election in Massachusetts between Republican Scott Brown, left, and Democrat Martha Coakley, right, ended after Express' deadline. For results of the race and analysis of what it means, see washingtonpost.com.



SCIENCE

The decade that just ended was the warmest on record, easily surpassing the previous hottest decade — the 1990s — researchers said Tuesday. In 2009, global surface temperatures were 1.01 degrees above average, which tied the year for the fifth-warmest year on record, the National Climatic Data Center said. And that helped push the 2000-2009 decade to 0.96 degree above normal, which the agency said "shattered" the 1990s record. (AP)

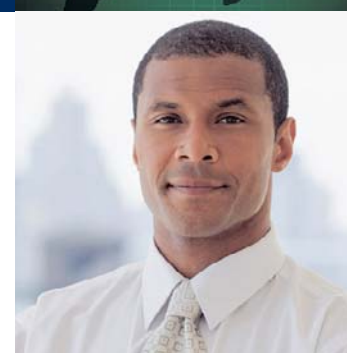
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Education Funds Sought

President says he'll request \$1.35 billion for schools in budget

Fairfax, Va.

President Obama announced Tuesday he'll ask Congress for \$1.35 billion to extend an education grant program for states, saying that getting schools right "will shape our future as a nation."

Obama outlined the proposal that will be part of his budget request for this year at an elementary school, where he also held a short discussion with sixth-grade students.

The \$787 billion economic stimulus program that Obama signed into law soon after taking office included \$4.3 billion in competitive grants for states, nicknamed the "Race to the Top" fund. States must amend education laws and policies to compete for a share of the money.

The deadline to apply for the program is Tuesday, and officials expect more than 30 states to



President Obama greets students Tuesday at Graham Road Elementary School.

apply. The Education Department is expected to announce the first of two rounds of awards in April.

The president said that extending the program would allow more states to win grants. He also wants to use some of the \$1.35 billion for a similarly competitive grant program for local school districts.

"Countries that out-educate us today will out-compete us tomorrow, and I refuse to let that happen on my watch," Obama said.

With the grant programs, Obama is trying to make education spending more of a competitive endeavor, rather than a formula-driven effort in which states and districts look forward to receiving a certain amount of money, regardless of how well they educate students. **DARLENE SUPERVILLE (AP)**

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A U.S. soldier lets an Iraqi police officer look over his M-4 assault rifle in Hayy, Iraq.

U.S. Forces Have The Bible in Sight

Some rifles troops use contain a small reference to Scripture

Washington

Combat rifle sights U.S. forces in Iraq and Afghanistan use carry references to Bible verses, stoking concerns about whether the inscriptions break a government rule that bars proselytizing by American troops.

Military officials said the citations do not violate the ban and that they will not stop using the telescoping sights.

The contractor that makes the equipment, Trijicon, said the U.S. military has been a customer since 1995 and the company has never received any complaints about the Scripture citations.

"We don't publicize this," said Tom Munson, Trijicon's director of sales and marketing. "It's not something we make a big deal out

of. But when asked, we say, 'Yes, it's there.'"

Markings on the Advanced Combat Optical Gunsight, which is standard issue to U.S. special operations forces, include "JN8:12," a reference to John 8:12: "When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'"

Mikey Weinstein, president of the Military Religious Freedom Foundation, says the biblically inscribed sights could give the Taliban and other enemy forces a propaganda tool: that American troops are Christian crusaders invading Muslim countries.

"I don't have to wonder for a nanosecond how the American public would react if citations from the Koran were being inscribed onto these U.S. armed forces' gun sights instead of New Testament citations," Weinstein said.

RICHARD LARDNER (AP)

ONE YEAR LATER

Don't expect any nostalgia at the

White House on Wednesday. Press secretary Robert Gibbs says nothing special is being planned to take note of Barack Obama's first year as president. Gibbs acknowledged that Wednesday is an "anniversary of types" but says the staff isn't focused on it. Obama took the oath of office on Jan. 20, 2009. (AP)

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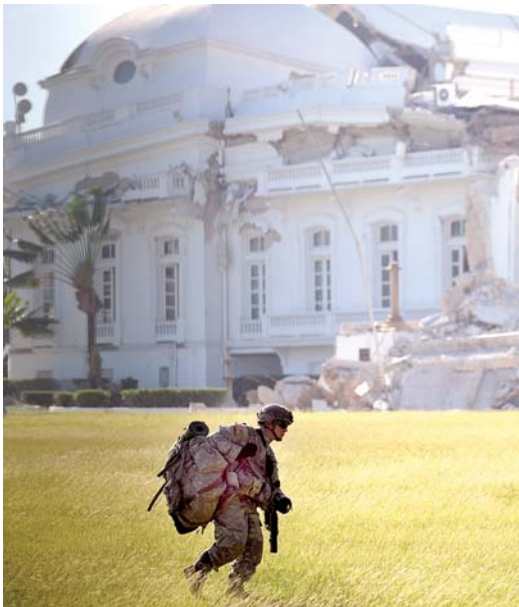
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Left: A U.S. paratrooper walks in front of the damaged presidential palace in Port-au-Prince on Tuesday. A Haitian vendor walks past a collapsed building in Jacmel, Haiti.

In Brief



A worker watches a Japan Airlines jet at Haneda airport in Tokyo on Tuesday.

TOKYO
Asia's Top Air Carrier
Files For Bankruptcy

Japan Airlines filed for bankruptcy Tuesday in one of the nation's biggest corporate failures ever, entering a restructuring that will shrink Asia's top carrier. Staggering under \$25.6 billion in debt, the carrier applied for protection from creditors under the Corporate Rehabilitation Law — Japan's version of Chapter 11 — with the Tokyo District Court. (AP)

VIENNA
Iran Rejects Nuclear Deal

Iran has told the head of the U.N. nuclear agency that it does not accept an international proposal committing it to quickly export most of the material it would need to make a nuclear warhead, diplomats said Tuesday. For months, Iranian officials criticized the plan backed by most of the world's major powers. (AP)

BAGHDAD
50,000 Sunni Fighters
Hold Government Jobs

Nearly 50,000 Sunni fighters who sided with U.S. forces against al-Qaeda and other militants in Iraq are now in government jobs, a top official said Tuesday in an attempt to soothe fears they would be neglected by Iraq's Shiite leaders. (AP)

JOHANNESBURG, S. AFRICA
More Unrest in Nigeria

Sectarian violence continued for a third day in the Nigerian city of Jos and appeared to be spreading to surrounding suburbs, as the state government announced a 24-hour curfew to bring Christian-Muslim fighting to a halt. Officials at Jos' Central Mosque said that 139 bodies had been found thus far. (CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR)

U.N. Expands Haiti Relief Efforts

Security Council, U.S. attempt to speed up delivery of aid, food

Port-au-Prince, Haiti

U.S. troops landed on the lawn of Haiti's shattered presidential palace to the cheers of quake victims on Tuesday, and the U.N. said it would throw more police and soldiers into the sluggish global effort to aid the devastated country.

The U.N. forces are aimed at quelling the outbursts of violence that have slowed distribution of

supplies, leaving many Haitians still without help a week after the magnitude-7.0 quake killed an estimated 200,000 people.

Looters were rampaging through part of downtown Port-au-Prince even as the Security Council voted to add 2,000 troops to the 7,000 military peacekeepers already in the country and 1,500 more police to the 2,100-strong international force.

Haitians jammed the fence of the palace grounds as U.S. troops emerged from six helicopters.

"We are happy that they are coming, because we have so many

problems," said Fede Felissaint, a hairdresser.

A full week after the quake, the capital's port remains blocked and too much aid must flow through the city's lone airport. Tens of thousands of people sleep in the streets or in makeshift camps.

European Commission analysts estimate the quake injured 250,000 and left 1.5 million homeless.

Aid workers have distributed more than 250,000 daily food rations, with about half coming from the U.S. military, according to the World Food Program. But that is still far short of the need, and the

U.N. agency managed to feed only half the 100,000 people it planned to reach on Monday.

U.S. military efforts to speed aid through Port-au-Prince's airport appeared to be paying off after days of complaints by frustrated aid agencies: Air Force Gen. Douglas Fraser, head of U.S. Southern Command, said the airport that handled just 30 flights per day before it was damaged in the quake is now handling 180 per day.

"We're doing everything in our power to speed aid to Haiti as fast as humanly possible," he said. ALFRED DE MONTESQUIOU AND MIKE MELIA (AP)

A Week After Quake, Rescuers Continue to Locate Survivors

Port-au-Prince, Haiti

A full week after Haiti's devastating Jan. 12 earthquake, rescuers on Tuesday continued to pull survivors from the wreckage.

A Mexican rescue team created after that nation's 1985 earthquake rescued an elderly Haitian woman who had survived in the ruins of the residence of Haiti's Roman Catholic archbishop, who died.

Other teams pulled two Haitian women from a collapsed university



Rescuers assist quake survivor Pierre Louis Ronny after he was found on Tuesday.

building as one of the victim's sisters shouted praises to God.

In the city's Bourdon area, French, Dominican and Panamanian rescuers using high-tech detection equipment said they heard heartbeats underneath the rubble of a bank building. The husband of a missing woman watched from a crowd of onlookers.

"I'm going to be here until I find my wife; I'll keep it up until I find her, dead or alive," said Wtchar Longfosse. (AP)

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World

Afghans Boost Security

New measures come
a day after Taliban
attack on the capital

Kabul

Two U.S. service members were killed by a roadside bomb in southern Afghanistan on Tuesday, a day after a brazen Taliban attack on the capital showed militants are stepping up their fight against the U.S. and its allies.

A NATO statement gave no other details about the U.S. deaths.

Also Tuesday, Afghan forces increased the number of checkpoints and patrols in the capital amid public anger over security lapses that enabled a small group of militants to mount explosions and gunbattles the day before.

President Hamid Karzai ordered a review of security measures in the capital but said Afghan troops should be praised for their performance in preventing an even bigger disaster as the non-militant death toll stood at five — three security forces and two civilians.



An Afghan police officer looks at a document at a checkpoint in Kabul on Tuesday.

Meanwhile ...

A United Nations report released Tuesday found that Afghans paid \$2.5 billion — nearly a quarter of the country's GDP — to bribe public officials in the past 12 months. The U.N. report said one person in two had to pay at least one kickback to a public official — whether a policeman, judge or government official — between 2008 and 2009. Many paid to cut through red tape or to get help with poor service. (AP)

Troops searched vehicles entering the capital and on the main streets in the city center, verifying documents and pulling suspicious cars aside.

Analysts said the attack exposed deficiencies in security.

"The Taliban have only one possibility and that is to blow themselves up. But, unfortunately, the Taliban can infiltrate Kabul or other major cities for terrorist attacks because of the weak state of the police," said Taj Mohammad Wardak, a former interior minister. AMIR SHAH (AP)

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World

Israel Cracks Down on Activists

Critics say Jerusalem
increasingly silences
political opponents

Jerusalem

Israel is arresting a growing number of prominent opponents to its policies toward the Palestinians, say critics who are accusing the government of trying to crush legitimate dissent.

In the most high-profile case yet, Jerusalem police last week detained the leader of an Israeli human rights group during a vigil



Israeli police detain a left-wing activist at a protest in Jerusalem in December.

SEBASTIAN SCHNEIDER/AP

against the eviction of Palestinian families whose homes were taken by Jewish settlers.

Since the summer, dozens of Palestinian and Israeli activists have

been held, including those organizing weekly protests against Israel's West Bank separation barrier.

Some of the Palestinians were released without charge only after weeks or months of questioning.

The arrests come at a time of shifting tactics in the protests against Israel's occupation of the West Bank and annexation of east Jerusalem, territories the Palestinians want for their future state.

In east Jerusalem, police have arrested about 70 demonstrators during marches in recent months, according to Israeli rights groups.

BEN HUBBARD (AP)

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China's World Without Internet

Blackout leaves 20M in west cut off from the Web for months

Liuyuan, China

They arrive at this gritty desert crossroads weary from a 13-hour train ride but determined. The promised land lies just across the railway station plaza: a large, white sign that says "Easy Connection Internet Cafe."

The visitors are Internet refugees from China's western Xinjiang region, whose 20 million people have been without links to the outside world since the government blocked virtually all online access, text messages and international phone calls after ethnic riots in July. It's the largest and



A woman walks out of an Internet cafe in the town of Liuyuan, China, Sunday.

longest such blackout in the world, observers say.

Every weekend, dozens of people pile off the train in Liuyuan, a sand-swept town on the ancient

Silk Road that's the first train stop outside Xinjiang, 400 miles east of Urumqi, the regional capital.

"We must get online! We must!" said Zhao Yan, a petite, ponytailed businesswoman from Xinjiang's capital, Urumqi. She has rented the same private booth in the Internet cafe every weekend since August in an uphill battle to keep her small trading business going.

"If this goes on another couple of months, I'll have to give up," Zhao said. "I can't keep up with the outside world, and I'm losing money."

For many, it feels like being thrown back in time 30 years.

The government this month promised Internet access would resume "gradually," but it also said the same thing in July and not much has changed. So far, only four

restricted Web sites, half of them state-run media, have returned.

No country has shut down an information infrastructure so widely for so long, said the Open Net Initiative, a Harvard-linked partnership that monitors Internet restrictions around the world. Some former Soviet Union countries have done it during sensitive elections, but "the blackout only lasted for hours or days at most," said Rafal Rohozinski, the group's principal investigator.

The normal Internet in China is already among the world's most restricted. "The fact that the Chinese authorities had to resort to shutting down and cutting off the entire infrastructure ... is indicative of the difficulty they are having in controlling cyberspace," Rohozinski said. CARA ANNA (AP)

Russians Defy Cold for Epiphany



A RUSSIAN ORTHODOX BELIEVER swims in an ice hole created to resemble a cross during a traditional Epiphany celebration on Tuesday in a lake in Valdai, Novgorod region, about 250 miles northeast from Moscow. Scores of Russians braved temperatures of minus 25 degrees Celsius (minus 13 Fahrenheit) or colder as part of the ritual to symbolize rebirth.

Google Phones On Hold in China

Beijing

Google on Tuesday postponed the launch of two mobile phones in China, adding to the potential commercial fallout of its dispute with Beijing over Internet censorship and e-mail hacking.

The delay affects separate phones made by Motorola and Samsung. The handsets are both powered by Android, a mobile operating software system developed by Google. Both phones were scheduled to debut this week.

The change in plans is the latest aftershock from Google's threat to pull out of China unless the government relents on its rules requiring the censorship of content that the ruling party considers to be subversive. (AP)



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BIG DIGS

Archaeologists have unearthed a 2,000-year-old temple that may have been dedicated to the ancient Egyptian cat goddess Bastet, the Supreme Council of Antiquities said Tuesday. The ruins of the temple were discovered in the heart of the Mediterranean port city of Alexandria, founded by Alexander the Great in the 4th century B.C. The temple is thought to have belonged to the wife of King Ptolemy III, who ruled Egypt in the 3rd century B.C. (AP)





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Local



Bill Cosby, left, has lent support to Earl Stafford for an internet-based charity.

Va. Donor, Cosby Are 'Doing Good'

Comedian pairs with
a local businessman
for charity initiative

Washington

Northern Virginia philanthropist Earl W. Stafford and comedian Bill Cosby will announce Wednesday the creation of an Internet-based charitable organization to draw more Americans into volunteering by exposing them to others' good deeds.

Doing Good: The People's Project will list volunteer opportunities and will provide information about groups and organizations that are successfully volunteering, Stafford said.

The project is a continuation of Stafford's People's Inaugural Project, started in late 2008, which brought hundreds of poor, sick and

homeless men, women and children to D.C. to experience the events surrounding Barack Obama's inauguration. Stafford, 61, who last year sold his Centreville technology company to Lockheed Martin, said he will announce the new project on the first anniversary of Obama's inauguration.

Stafford said he was prompted to start Doing Good after witnessing the generosity of people who contacted him during the inauguration with offers to contribute money and time.

Cosby said he contacted Stafford after hearing about the People's Inaugural Ball. "I am an admirer of Mr. Stafford," Cosby said. "What he did really inspired Mrs. Cosby to make me do what she wanted me to do, which was to help [Earl] in whatever he wanted." **AVIS THOMAS-LESTER (THE WASHINGTON POST)**

The Lotteries

Tuesday, Jan. 19

District

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Evening DC 4 (Mon.) 7-7-7-2
Mid-day D.C. Five 1-9-1-8-2
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Match 5 (Mon.) 3-10-17-20-28 (16)

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Mid-day Pick 3 6-3-5
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.) 9-9-3
Mid-day Pick 4 9-4-0-1
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Bill Proposes D.C. Marijuana Dispensaries

Council's Catania says 'closed system' would regulate distribution

Washington

The District would have up to five medical marijuana dispensaries where seriously ill patients could go to obtain the drug from a licensed vendor under a bill D.C. Council member David A. Catania proposed Tuesday.

Catania's proposal, which nine of 13 council members sponsored, is designed to implement a 1998 voter-approved initiative that called for the legalization of medical marijuana in the District.



GARY MALERBA/FTWP

In 1998, a voter-approved initiative called for the legalization of medical marijuana.

After Initiative 59 was approved with 69 percent of the vote, the then-GOP-controlled Congress blocked it from being implemented. But the Democrat-controlled

Congress removed those restrictions last month.

Under Catania's proposal, the District would have what he calls "a closed system to regulate the

cultivation, distribution and possession of marijuana."

"What I wanted to make sure we don't do is take something that is scientifically proven for medicine and turn that into a system where there is an opportunity for mischief," said Catania, I-At Large.

The legislation, which has been referred to both the Health and Public Safety and Judiciary committees, would allow the dispensaries to distribute up to a month's supply of marijuana to either patients or their registered caregivers. Although patients would have to pay for the drug, the legislation requires providers to supply it to low-income patients at a reduced price. **TIM CRAIG (THE WASHINGTON POST)**

Haitian Embassy Opens Up District Command Center

Washington

Washington officials and the Haitian ambassador to the U.S. say they have started a command center at Haiti's Washington embassy to respond to the earthquake in that country.

The command center was set up Monday. It now has another 20 laptop computers, 20 telephones and phone lines. Officials are currently working to establish international telephone connections, Mayor Adrian M. Fenty said. Officials say people who want to help should send money rather than goods. **(AP)**

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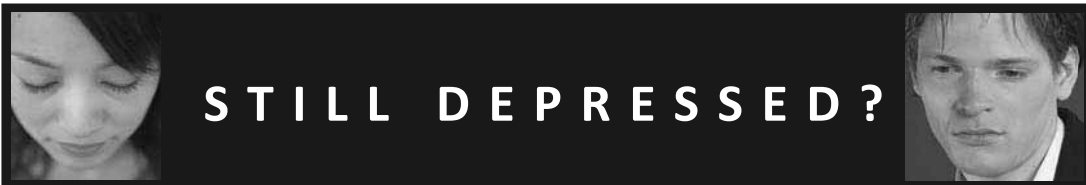
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Helping Haiti's Orphans

Aid groups struggle with a massive influx of children left alone after the quake

Port-au-Prince, Haiti

The 5-month-old patient at the Israeli field hospital has a number rather than a name.

No one even knows who dropped the barely conscious child at the makeshift medical center after he was pulled from the debris of a collapsed building four days after last week's catastrophic quake. Now that he's recovering, doctors have a difficult decision ahead.

"Times can be hard, but I'd rather be here in all this rubble. It's where my kids are."

— **SHERRIE FAUSEY**, A FORMER FLORIDA SCHOOLTEACHER WHO HAD TO EVACUATE 30 ORPHANS FROM HER CHRISTIAN LIGHT FOUNDATION ORPHANAGE IN HAITI.

"What will we do with him when we are finished?" said Dr. Assa Amit of the hospital's pediatric emergency department.

No one knows who the boy's family is or whether any of his relatives are alive.

Tens of thousands of children have been orphaned by the earthquake, aid groups say — so many that officials won't venture a number. With so many buildings destroyed and growing chaos in the capital, it is conceivable that many children are alone.

Even before Tuesday's deadly magnitude-7.0 earthquake, Haiti, one of the world's poorest countries, was awash in orphans, with 380,000 children living in orphanages or group homes, the United Nations Children's Fund reported on its Web site.

International advocacy groups are trying to help, either by speeding up adoptions that were already in progress or by sending in relief



Children look out from an orphanage in Fontamara, Haiti. The massive quake left tens of thousands of kids without parents.

personnel to evacuate thousands of orphans to the U.S. and other countries.

In the meantime, U.N. humanitarian chief John Holmes said the United Nations is establishing a group whose mission on the ground in Haiti will be to protect children against trafficking, kidnapping and sex abuse.

And orphanages that were operating in Haiti before the earthquake are scrambling to keep their kids safe, sheltered and fed. Those with damaged buildings are pledging to rebuild and take in more children, if needed.

Three of the four orphanages operated in Port-au-Prince by Planting Peace — a Melbourne, Fla., nonprofit — have been dam-

Orphan Airlift Takes 53 Kids to Pittsburgh

On Tuesday, a flight carrying 53 Haitian children, from infants to age 10, landed in Pittsburgh, the first in a wave of orphans expected to be evacuated from the shattered Caribbean nation one week after the massive earthquake.

Workers disembarked the plane, some of them carrying children in their arms, and boarded waiting buses. Other children walked off the plane, waving at onlookers.

They will be taken to Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh for medical care and placed in group homes until their adoptions are finalized, officials said.

U.S. Homeland Security spokesman Sean Smith said orphans who have ties to the U.S. — such as a family member already living here — are among those who can get special permission to remain in the United States. (AP)



Exodus Strategy

The Catholic Church in Miami is working on a proposal that would allow thousands of orphaned children to come permanently to America. A similar effort launched in 1960, known as Operation Pedro Pan, brought about 14,000 unaccompanied children from Cuba to the U.S. Under the new plan, dubbed "Pierre Pan," Haitian orphans would first be placed in group homes and then paired with foster parents, said Mary Ross Agosta, spokeswoman for the Archdiocese of Miami. "We have children who are homeless and possibly without parents, and it is the moral and humane thing to do," she said. (AP)

aged, forcing staff to move everyone into one building. They are now trying to secure homes in Haiti for the kids, the group's founder, Aaron Jackson, told The Associated Press in an e-mail.

"There needs to be some communication from the government level about what we need to do. Can we take these children?" he said.

At the Israeli field hospital, doctors are expecting to treat many more orphans in the coming days. On one of the hospital's stretchers, Patient No. 236, a 6-month-old boy, is crying in pain. Relatives brought him to the medical center shortly after the disaster, then left. They didn't tell anyone the boy's name.

Doctors suspect the infant had meningitis long before the earthquake — and they also suspect that no one is coming back for him.

"We will wait to discharge him until there is a facility that can grant continuous care," Amit said.

TAMARA LUSH (AP)

Can Monroe Reach His Potential?

Hoyas big man faces intense scrutiny as he aims for consistency

Hoyas Hoops

Exceptional in many ways, Georgetown's towering sophomore center Greg Monroe is also, like any teenager, a work in progress.

Monroe was nearly unstoppable in Sunday's loss to Villanova, taking command of a foundering offense to finish with 26 points and 16 rebounds.

But for a three-game stretch prior, he was a shadow of that player — turnover-prone against more bruising defenders at Marquette; tentative against Connecticut, taking just two shots during the Hoyas' miserable first half; and idling on the bench in foul trouble for much of the victory over Seton Hall.

In an ideal world in which 19-year-old, 6-feet-11 phenoms are afforded time to grow into their bodies, Monroe would be right on target in his development. He has made major strides from his freshman season to his sophomore season, emerging as a more active playmaker and vocal leader on a Georgetown team (13-3, 4-2) that sorely needed both.

But in the real world of high-profile college basketball and high-stakes NBA teams clamoring for capable big men, Monroe has become the subject of intense debate and daily revision.

One day, Monroe draws hosannas as a surefire NBA lottery pick. Other days, he elicits measured critiques as a gifted youngster in need



Georgetown sophomore Greg Monroe takes a shot against Connecticut on Jan. 9.

The Book on Greg Monroe

- **Strengths:** What intrigues NBA scouts most, insiders say, are Monroe's skills as a passer and his overall basketball smarts. Said Pitt coach Jamie Dixon: "He's as talented as anybody in the country and getting better, with a skill set and size that's really unmatched."
- **Weaknesses:** While Monroe is an adept passer, some wish he were quicker to shoot. But former NBA big man and ESPN commentator Len Elmore says what Monroe needs most is to bulk up. "Certainly ... to have the great success that has been predicted for him, he's got to fill out a little bit," Elmore says. (TWP)

of more heft and aggression if he's to realize his potential.

What's undeniable is that the 12th-ranked Hoyas — who play No. 9 Pittsburgh on Wednesday — will go only as far this season as Monroe takes them. What remains to be seen is just how far the broad-shouldered center can carry the Hoyas — and whether he'll return







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for a third season on the Hilltop, as Jeff Green did before bolting for the NBA, or possibly a fourth, as Roy Hibbert did.

On the latter question, it's difficult to get a read from Monroe, who insists he's having the time of his life at Georgetown and isn't thinking about his future.

"College has been great," Monroe said in a recent interview. "This is definitely the most fun I've had my whole life, just being able to grow and meet different people from everywhere. And I still get to do the thing I love — play basketball at a high level."

As for his on-court skills, Monroe shares the assessment of coach John Thompson III, who believes his center is "far, far away" from reaching his potential.

Says Monroe, who's averaging 14.9 points and 10.1 rebounds per game: "I definitely think I've made strides on the court and off, but I think I can get a lot better still. ... I don't think I'm close to being as good as I can be." LIZ CLARKE (THE WASHINGTON POST)

In Brief

MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

Calhoun Takes Leave

Connecticut men's basketball coach Jim Calhoun is taking a leave of absence to deal with undisclosed medical issues. A statement from Calhoun's doctor says it was recommended he take the leave "to address some temporary medical issues." The



Calhoun

doctor said the issues do not involve any of Calhoun's previous medical conditions. He is a three-time cancer survivor. (AP)

SOCCER

United Inks Australian

D.C. United has signed Australian forward Danny Allsopp as a replacement for Luciano Emilio. Allsopp, 31, played with former D.C. midfielder Fred in Melbourne (winning two championships) after spending seven years with several clubs in the English minor leagues. Allsopp has appeared three times for the Australian national team and played for a club in Qatar last fall. United also is scheduled to unveil Salvadoran midfielder Cristian Castillo on Wednesday. (EXPRESS)

TV Lineup

WIZARDS (7 P.M., CSN) The Wizards look for a third-straight win when facing the Dallas Mavericks.

HOYAS MEN'S HOOPS (7 P.M., ESPN) Georgetown aims to bounce back from its loss to Villanova against Pittsburgh.

MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M., ESPN AND ESPN2; 9 P.M., ESPN2) Tobacco Road rivals Wake Forest and North Carolina tip off, and Cincinnati hosts South Florida, followed by Baylor at Kansas.

NBA (9 P.M., ESPN) Dick Vitale will be announcing the San Antonio Spurs-Utah Jazz game.

TENNIS (11 P.M., ESPN2) Second-round action at the Australian Open.

Haitian Soccer Federation Reports at Least 30 Deaths in Quake

Soccer

At least 30 members of Haiti's soccer federation, including an undetermined number of players, died in the country's earthquake, regional soccer authorities said Tuesday.

In addition, the president of the Dominican Olympic committee said he was told by his Haitian counterpart that at least seven Haitian athletes from Olympic sports died.

The soccer dead included referees, coaches, administrators and

medical officials, the Caribbean Football Union said. Haiti's federation's headquarters collapsed during last week's quake.

Federation president Yves Jean Bart survived, the Caribbean Football Union said in its report to soc-

cer's world governing body in Switzerland. "Words cannot describe what I have seen in Haiti. It is heartbreaking," said Horace Burrell, the Caribbean group's VP, in his report to FIFA about his visit to Haiti. (AP)

Sports

Foye Lights It Up for Wiz



The Wizards

When the Washington Wizards dealt the fifth overall pick to Minnesota last spring, they did so thinking they were building for the present.

As it turns out, the players who were brought in to add high-quality depth to the roster are instead tasked with helping Washington scrape for respectability in another wasted season. While swingman Mike Miller (right calf injury) has received praise despite being sidelined incrementally, Randy Foye is now in the spotlight as the indefinitely suspended Gilbert Arenas' long-term replacement.

But becoming the team's starting point guard isn't exactly what the Wizards brought Foye in to do. Then again, it doesn't seem like anything can go according to plan for these Wizards (14-26), who host the Dallas Mavericks Wednesday.

"Guys are having [to play] different roles," coach Flip Saunders said last week. "Randy is still trying to figure out where he is, whether to be a scorer or distribute the ball."

Foye can certainly score. Given



Randy Foye scores two of his 19 points in the Wizards' win over Portland Monday.

more playing time, he has gone for at least 18 points in seven of his last eight games. While that scorer's mentality might not fit well at the point for most teams, it's an easier transition for a group used to being led by a shoot-first point guard like Arenas.

But scoring wasn't the only thing that made Agent Zero so effective. The swagger he brought to the court often rubbed off on his teammates and allowed them to regularly dispense of equal and lesser squads at

the end of games.

Now, between injuries and suspensions stemming from the team's constant turmoil, the Wizards are just struggling to have enough bodies to play the fourth quarter. The players who are left to suit up each night can't be blamed if they're having trouble concentrating.

"It definitely has been tough for us, but that is no excuse," Foye said. "We all are professional basketball players, and this is what we do." **ERIC BRANDNER**



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Sports

Bills Tap Gailey to Be New Head Coach

Former Cowboys leader gets second chance at top spot

Pro Football

Chan Gailey was hired by the Buffalo Bills on Tuesday, getting a second chance to prove himself as an NFL coach and inheriting a team that has missed the playoffs for 10 straight years.

Gailey replaces Dick Jauron, who

was fired in November. He takes over a team that finished 6-10 and becomes the Bills' fifth coach since Hall of Famer Marv Levy retired after the 1997 season.

In his two years coaching the Dallas Cowboys, he went 18-14 and led the team to consecutive playoff appearances — both losses. He was dismissed after the 1999 season, and Cowboys owner Jerry Jones has acknowledged his mistake in firing Gailey.

Gailey has been out of football



Chan Gailey has been a head football coach in the NFL and at Georgia Tech.

since he was fired as the Chiefs' offensive coordinator in August. He previously had a six-year stretch as Georgia Tech's coach, during which he went 44-33 before being fired in 2007.

The Bills hit several bumps during their coaching search. They were rebuffed by former Steelers coach Bill Cowher, new Redskins coach Mike Shanahan and Jets offensive coordinator Brian Schottenheimer, who refused to even interview with the Bills. (AP)

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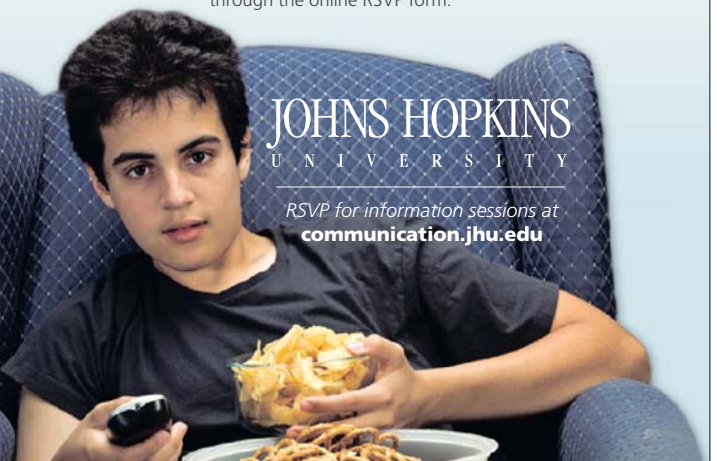
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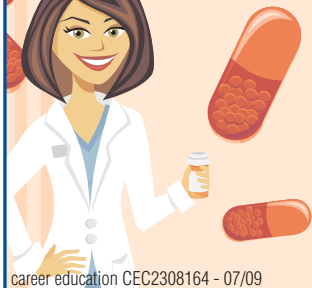
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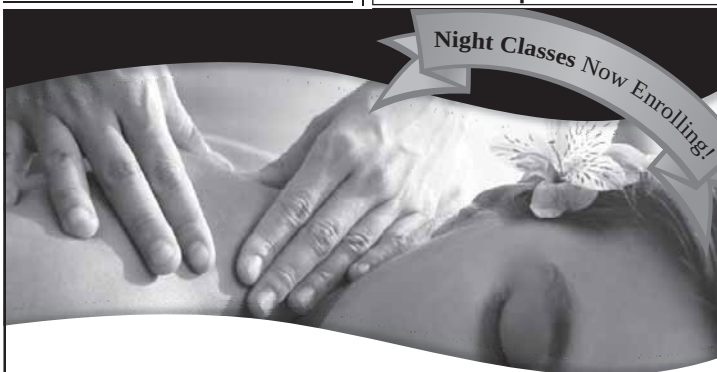
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Red Carpet Redux

Another year, another awards season when we say, "She *paid* someone to make her look like that?" (We're looking at you, Mariah — and your buoyant bronzed cleavage.) Still, there are fashion lessons to be learned from this week's Golden Globes, even for those of us who are more likely to stroll a tacky bar carpet than a red one.



By Betsy Lowther

Lesson 1: Whoever decided the strapless dress is universally attractive was wrong. In fact, it often makes a perfectly normal body look awkward (Tina

Fey) or overexaggerates both bigger curves (Christina Hendricks) and smaller ones (Kate Hudson). In the name of January Jones, it's time to start embracing higher necklines.

Lesson 2: Dear Cameron Diaz, Jane Lynch and wrinkled women everywhere: The iron is your friend. So are nicer fabrics that don't crease up as soon as you sit in your limo (or Metro) seat.

Lesson 3: If you're going to take the time to put together a pretty outfit — ahem, Maggie Gyllenhaal — don't pair it with a 10-second hairstyle.

My pick for best-dressed: a cobalt-clad Ginnifer Goodwin. And the worst: Fergie, whose floaty pastel gown was fit for the 2002 prom court.

A Human Comedy Giant

Aziz Ansari covers his funny guy bases with movies, TV and a stand-up special

Q&A

Most readers will know Aziz Ansari from his appearances on scripted shows such as "Human Giant," "Flight of the Conchords" and "Parks & Recreation," and from movies such as "I Love You, Man," "Observe & Report" and Judd Apatow's unjustly maligned "Funny People," in which he unleashed his crass alter ego Randy.

Before he was a go-to guest star, Ansari honed his quick wit as a stand-up comic, playing New York and Los Angeles and launching his successful Glow in the Dark Tour in 2008. This month, he releases his first comedy album and DVD, "Intimate Moments for a Sensual Evening," which documents his show at the Brentwood Theater in Los Angeles.

You've worked alone in stand-up and in large casts in movies and sketch shows. How are those experiences different for you?

The sketch group that I did, "Human Giant," was cool because I got to work with my friends, and we got to bounce ideas off of each other. That's fun. You're able to come up with cool ideas that you wouldn't have on your own. But you'll get into these really long discussions about very silly things. But with stand-up, you're in total control of everything and you're not



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sitting there arguing over a [expletive] joke for an hour.

The routines on "Intimate Moments" are very thoughtfully and dynamically constructed. How do you write and how do you develop these jokes for maximum impact?

Usually, I will start out with an idea that pops into my head, and I'll jot it down in a notebook, then I'll try it out at different venues, developing it onstage. You just have to keep trying it and refining it until you hit on the right combination of jokes. The first joke I do on the

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Aziz Ansari plays Tom Haverford on NBC's comedy "Parks and Recreation," which didn't find a solid following until season two. When the L.A. Times asked Ansari about the delay, he said: "It takes awhile to flesh this kind of a show out. You watch the first six episodes of 'Seinfeld' and it wasn't all there yet. People have not just gotten to hang out with us longer. They know us better. And we're hilarious." (EXPRESS)

special, the thing about gay rights, I did about 15 or 20 different versions of that joke before I landed on the version that destroys!

You do long bits on Kanye West and R. Kelly. Have you heard from them?

R. Kelly? No. He's never heard that as far as I know. But as far as Kanye, he's seen all that stuff. I did that routine on Letterman, and Kanye posted it on his blog. He's a real good sport about that stuff.

I would think that's got to be some achievement for him that he made it into a comedy routine.

He's probably thinking, "He's talking more about me than Jay-Z. That means I'm on top."

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Compiled by Fiona Zublin. For more upcoming events, follow the Top Stops blog at expressnightout.com/topstops.



top stops

1 Don't Slurp
We're always down to eat soup in the winter, though we feel a little weird about Chowda Day, both because Legal Sea Foods basically invented a holiday about soup and because it's spelled "C-H-O-W-D-E-R," darn it. Anyway, today you can get a 60-cent cup of the foodstuff in question with any entrée at any Legal Sea Foods in the D.C. Metro area. **F.Z. Four area locations; Wed., all day; Legalseafoods.com.**

2 The Real Evil Empire
It turns out the Canadians started the Cold War. We knew it! Blame Canada! OK, that's not exactly how it happened. But the Canadians did have a hand in things, and you can find out how at the Spy Museum tonight when author Amy Knight talks about her research into what the cool kids call the "Gouzenko Affair." **F.Z. International Spy Museum, 800 F St. NW; Wed., 6:30 p.m., \$12.50; 202-393-7798, Spymuseum.org. (Gallery Place)**



3 Copycats
D.C. Restaurant Week is barely cold, and Alexandria Restaurant Week is in full swing. And we hate to break this to you, but Alexandria's might be better. Sure, the big city has the chic spots, but some of Alexandria's establishments offer dinner for two for \$35, instead of dinner for just one. Fifty restaurants are participating, including Bastille (food pictured). **F.Z. Various locations; through Sun.; Visitalexandriava.com.**

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Gloom Hops the Pond

British band Editors look tiresome and grim 'In This Light'

CD Review

Editors seem to be a mostly British phenomenon.

They sell out only midsize venues in the States, but the Brits put them on arena stages and anticipate their albums so much that their latest release, "In This Light and on This Evening," debuted at No. 1. So did their previous album, the mediocre "An End Has a Start," which peaked at only No. 117 here.

Combine them with Kings of Leon, and you get the British equivalent of the Foo Fighters, or maybe the Killers.

But even in England, the band's had its share of ups and downs. Its debut, "The Back Room," read like a fresh, stylish version of Interpol with more hooks and immediately saw the band as a rising star on the post-punk scene, while "An End Has a Start" succumbed to the sophomore jinx, resorting to maudlin gloom rather than poignant riffs.

And while the comparisons to Joy Division are already abundant, the inspiration of "In This Light" takes them in a bizarre direction: "If only Joy Division had integrated more German industrial rock!"

If only, indeed.

Dispensing with all those pesky pop hooks and that meddlesome lead guitar, "In This Light" relies heavily (sometimes solely) on synthesizers and bass. As a post-punk band (which, really, what does

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that even mean anymore?), Editors have turned into a weird mix of New Wave and intense anthem rock, visibly straining to be edgy and impress you with their searing melodies.

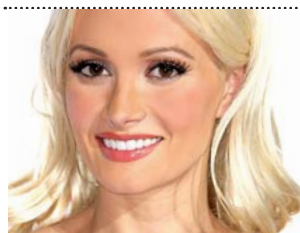
It's safe to say fans who eat up the euphoric live shows will love all the material on this album, as its biggest asset is the fodder for dramatic performances to be accompanied by lasers and strobe lights.

But much of your opinion of "In This Light" will depend on how much you like recycled synth sounds that add nothing new to

the genre (which, admittedly, can sometimes be cool). But there's a fine line between inspiration and imitation, and Editors walk it without much confidence.

Editors do a few things very well, such as crescendos and harsh-yet-emotive riffs, but even those highlights are run into the ground on "In This Light." By the end, you feel like your soul has been crushed, except you're not exactly sure it was for a worthy cause. And any Americans whose first exposure to Editors is this gloomy, laborious venture are unlikely to jump on the bandwagon. **AFTON LORRAINE WOODWARD**

● 9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; with the Antlers and the Dig, Feb. 21, 7 p.m. doors, \$20; 202-265-0930. (U St.-Cardozo)

TV Beat

Life After Hef: Another "Girls Next Door" star is getting her own series. E! Entertainment Television is set to announce a docusoap following former "Girls" star Holly Madison as she works and plays in Las Vegas. "Holly's World" follows Madison onstage and off as she stars in the Vegas production "Peepshow." The decision follows the ratings success of the "Girls" spin-off "Kendra." "Audiences fell in love with Holly on E!, and fans are eager to follow her next chapter," said Lisa Berger, executive vice president of entertainment programming at E! (THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER)

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The Never-Ending Late-Night Story

Leno blames NBC for mess and shows O'Brien lots of love in a sincere monologue

Television

Jay Leno turned serious on his show Monday night to discuss the late-night chaos at NBC, telling viewers that he'd been doubtful about launching a prime-time show but was prevented by NBC from going to another TV network instead.

Leno, in explaining events from his standpoint, also said Monday that he had told NBC he'd return to the "Tonight" slot only after Conan O'Brien rejected the network's plan to put both men on in late night.

NBC continued negotiations Monday on an exit deal with

O'Brien that would clear the way for Leno to reclaim the 11:35 p.m. slot occupied by "Tonight," which he hosted for 17 years before turning it over to O'Brien last spring.

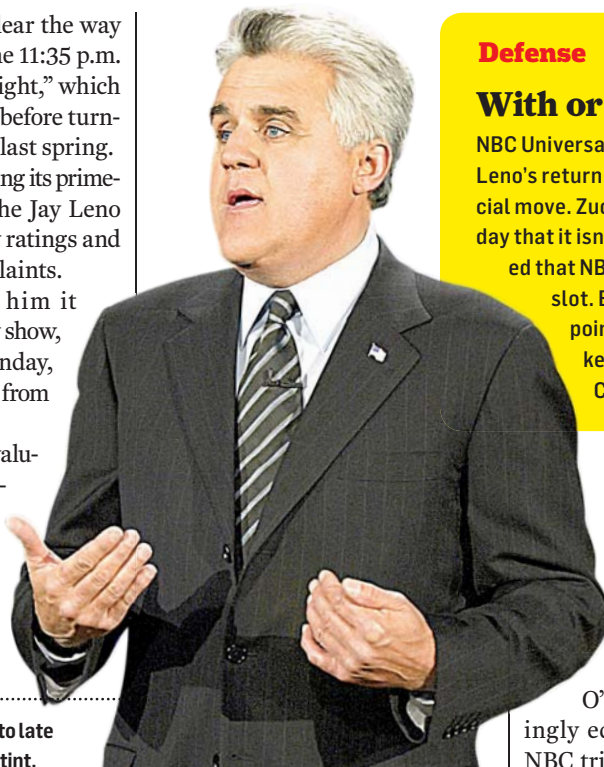
The network is ending its prime-time experiment, "The Jay Leno Show," because of low ratings and affiliate station complaints.

When NBC told him it wanted to end his new show, Leno told viewers Monday, he asked to be released from his contract.

"No, you're still a valuable asset to this company," he said the network told him. His reply: "How valuable can I be? You fired me twice."

That was a ref-

Jay Leno may move back to late night after a prime-time stint.



Defense

With or Without Him

NBC Universal Chief Executive Jeff Zucker says Jay Leno's return to late-night television is the right financial move. Zucker told the Wall Street Journal Tuesday that it isn't surprising Conan O'Brien is disappointed that NBC wanted to move his show to a later time slot. But Zucker says it was surprising and disappointing "how nasty it turned." Zucker says the network wanted to keep O'Brien but added that NBC is "going to be fine, even paying Conan to go away." (AP)



erence to NBC's decision six years ago to ask him to eventually make way for O'Brien to take over "Tonight," which Leno kept atop the ratings until he left. He and O'Brien have traded increasingly edgy monologue jokes as NBC tries to extricate itself from

its scheduling mess, but Leno told viewers his attitude toward his colleague is unchanged.

"Through all of this, Conan O'Brien has been a gentleman. He's a good guy; I have no animosity toward him. This is all business," Leno said. "You know, folks, if you don't get the ratings, they take you off the air." LYNN ELBER (AP)

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Face Time With the Boss

On 'Spectacle,' Elvis Costello spotlights Bruce Springsteen

Interview

**SUND
10:00**

"Spectacle: Elvis Costello With ..." wraps up its second season over the next two weeks with an extended conversation with Bruce Springsteen. The Boss relates tales of his early pre-famous years playing on the Jersey shore and discusses his influences, from Bob Dylan to Sam and Dave.

Like many "Spectacle" outings, this is a real mutual-admiration society. Roughly contemporary, both singer-songwriters admit to being influenced by each other during the late 1970s. Springsteen



Over the next two weeks, Costello, above, will pick Springsteen's brain.

reminds Costello that he had once criticized "Born to Run" as overly romantic, and Costello admits sheepishly that his notions of romance have evolved over the past 30 years.

Springsteen fans should not miss this chance to see their idol in an intimate setting, singing, talking and reflecting on his choices as a songwriter, performer and a person.

Despite a reputation as an electrifying performer and as a songwriter given to a torrent of words and images, Springsteen remains a tentative conversationalist. His words come rather slowly. He speaks in a guarded, almost nervous fashion. At times, you can almost hear him thinking. **KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)**

Best Bets

**CBS
8:30**

Gary Unmarried

Gary faces a tough decision after he and his girlfriend and boss, Sasha, take their relationship to the next level, forcing him to fret about whether to put his dream job on the line for a relationship that may not pan out.



**ABC
9:00**

Modern Family Mitchell plants an idea in Jay's head that one of his old buddies may be gay, which, of course, immediately has Jay noticing a bunch of "signs" for the first time. Manny's date gets a makeover from Gloria in the new episode "Fifteen Percent."

**A&E
9:30**



Dog the Bounty Hunter

Bounty hunting is dangerous under any conditions, but Dog and his team have a special challenge with their latest case. The fugitive they're pursuing has a short fuse and could react violently to being caught. Dog does his best to prepare his people for anything, but they still wind up being surprised.

**TLC
10:00**

Toddlers and Tiaras Viewers can rejoin the world of over-the-top beauty competitions for little girls with a visit to Florida for the Little Miss Glitz pageant, which, if nothing else, is at least practicing truth in advertising. **(TRIBUNE MEDIA)**

Competition



Highbrow Reality

"American Idol"? Pah. The new two-hour episode of "Great Performances at the Met" (10 p.m., PBS) takes viewers inside an even more grueling competition: the Metropolitan Opera's National Council Auditions, which draw thousands of singers vying for a cash prize, a role on the Met stage and, if all goes well, a career in opera's big time. It focuses on three young tenors: 22-year-old Michael, 25-year-old Alek and Ryan, 30, who is short on training. **(TRIBUNE MEDIA)**



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Travel Talk

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Not really. I got a \$650 fare in May of last year, and that was a deal, but nowadays, airfares to Europe are high and expected to stay that way. The best thing you can do is to sign up for sale alerts from your carrier of choice, and track fares on Farecompare or Airfare-watchdog.com — and jump when you find something better, if you do.



Five-month-old panda cub Yun Zi is drawing crowds to the San Diego Zoo.

My brother, sister, sister-in-law and I are going to San Diego for a wedding and a long weekend in May. I have been there many times but always on business. Any advice for must-do activities?

You have to go to the San Diego Zoo. It's one of the best in the country. Along those lines, Sea World and the Wild Animal Park are great, too.

Have you heard about airlines tacking on a \$50 fee to already pricey fares for all flights departing Fort Lauderdale or Miami in the days surrounding the Super Bowl? Is this just the tip of the iceberg with new event-related fees?

It's true; some airlines have added a \$50 "Super Bowl" surcharge to certain tickets booked Feb. 8. That was reported by Bestfares.com and posted on the travel blog Jaunted.com.

The Washington Post's Travel Section answers questions and offers advice regarding the wide world of travel on Mondays at washingtonpost.com/travel.

Canada Puts on Its Games Face

Vancouver prepares to welcome 350,000 Olympic spectators

Destinations

As snow falls on the craggy peaks providing the stunning backdrop to this glimmering city on the Pacific, Vancouver prepares to welcome thousands of athletes and visitors from around the world for the 2010 Winter Olympic Games.

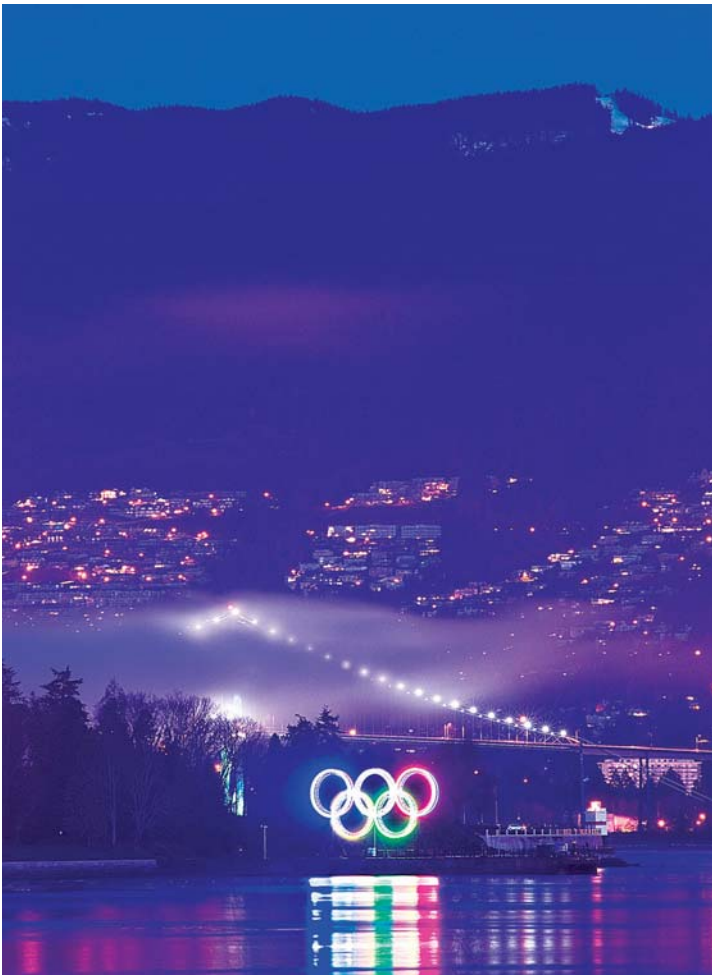
More than 5,500 athletes and coaches, almost 11,000 members of the media and up to 350,000 visitors are expected. In preparation, Vancouver is being draped in Olympic finery.

Giant murals of athletes cover downtown skyscrapers. Green, white and blue Olympic banners adorn the street poles. The city's Visitor Information Centre and satellite kiosks will be open throughout the city, and hundreds of sky-blue-uniformed volunteers are trained and ready to answer visitors' questions.

"The city is taking shape," said games organizing committee CEO John Furlong.

This is Canada's third time welcoming the Olympics. It hosted the Montreal 1976 Summer Games and the 1988 Calgary Winter Games. But no Canadian has ever won a gold medal on home turf.

Vancouver is also the most populous destination ever to host the



The Olympic rings light up Vancouver's Coal Harbour. Canada will welcome the Olympics for the third time when the Winter Games' opening ceremony is held on Feb. 12.

Winter Olympics, with 2.1 million people in the greater Vancouver regional area, according to Canada's 2006 census. And it considers itself to be a sophisticated destination, with five-star hotels, glittering

skyscrapers and tremendous ethnic diversity. About a third of those who live in the Vancouver metropolitan area are of Asian descent, according to census statistics.

Nearby winter resorts such as

Last-Minute Advice

Planning to attend the Olympics in Vancouver next month? Here are a few tips for your trip.

- Accommodations for the games are scarce but not impossible to find. Tourism Vancouver (Tourism-vancouver.com) reports that hotels downtown still have openings.
- In Canada, Olympic tickets have already been sold by lottery through the 2010 games Web site, Vancouver2010.com. A list of ticket agents for countries outside Canada is available through the spectator information link on that site.
- However you cross the border, build extra time into your schedule for the entry. Check border wait times at Cbsa-asfc.gc.ca. (AP)

Whistler, known for its vibrant village and challenging terrain, have been compared to Vail and other lively ski towns. But access to Whistler for Olympic events is being strictly controlled. Private cars without parking permits won't get past checkpoints at the town of Squamish on the breathtaking 90-mile Sea-to-Sky Highway.

Those lucky enough to get to Whistler can ride the Peak 2 Peak gondola. It has the longest unsupported span for a gondola of its kind in the world at 1.88 miles and the highest lift of its kind above the valley floor at 1,427 feet.

JEREMY HAINSWORTH (AP)

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Talk Your Way To a Better Brew

We've gotten used to conversing with — and occasionally yelling at — computerized voices. (Hello, annoying GPS chick, cloying "Amtrak Julie" and unhelpful automated bank agent.) So, the idea of dealing with another disassociated robot, the virtual barista inside the Speak n' Brew coffeemaker (\$80, Primulaproducts.com), initially sounded like a bizarre way to schedule a bean buzz. The idea: Voice-recognition software lets you mumble when you'd like the gadget to get brewing. Though Ms. Coffee isn't much for chitchat, the female voice inside repeats your info back quite accurately, even if you're slurring it in an about-to-go-to-sleep haze. Plus, there's something nice about having a big pot of joe waiting when you stumble out of bed in the morning.

Sure, the talking part is really just a fancy way to eliminate futzing with pesky clock-setting buttons, but since we haven't yet figured out how to make our microwave reflect the last daylight-saving time switch, it's handy. Plus, unlike the coffee shop cashier, our compu-barista doesn't try to make conversation about the weather before we've had a chance to down our first cup. Bonus points. **BETSY LOWTHER (EXPRESS)**

Higher Grounds

For most sane people, slogging a cup (or three) of joe remains as essential to their a.m. routine as putting on pants or using deodorant. But with Starbucks ventis running more than \$2 a pop these days, brewing your own coffee smells like a sound financial choice. "People are buying tools and good beans so they can embrace good coffee at home," says Ryan Jensen, owner of Capitol Hill's Peregrine Espresso (660 Pennsylvania Ave. SE; 202-629-4381). "There's no huge secret to making it, either. It's pretty cheap to get a French press or a burr grinder, which pulverizes more gently and preserves the flavor of the beans." Here are a few products to jolt your java routine. **JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)**



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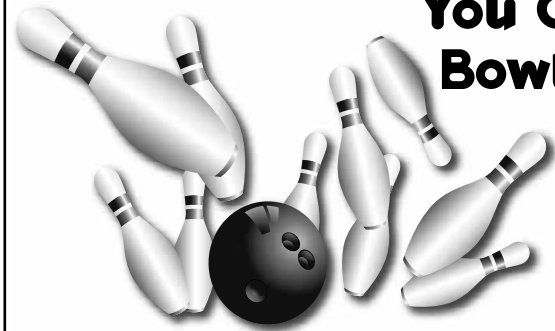
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Horoscope

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You may make a number of important discoveries even as you tend to routine affairs. Something important is in the wind.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You'll be more than willing to engage in social events, but not before you tend to important business affairs. Get work done.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your work ethic may be put to the test by someone who isn't able to keep up with you and who tempts you to set things aside prematurely.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You're approaching a crossroads that is likely to present at least one significant danger — and an important opportunity.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may not want to spend a great deal of time working or playing with others, but a certain amount of mixing and mingling is necessary.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) The more willing you are to take the initiative, the more others can learn from you — and, in the end, your own work will benefit from this.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your individuality may be threatened for a time, but the only thing that can make a tricky situation worse is overreaction.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You'll require more information before you are able to make an important decision that affects those around you and yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Your energy is at a high level, but you're not able to control or direct it as carefully as usual. Avoid making careless mistakes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Others are looking to you for guidance. If you don't know exactly what must be done, you can certainly pretend you know what you're doing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You may have stopped prematurely before a job was done — and you'll have to go back and make up for lost time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You don't want to repeat yourself; once you've scored a victory, move on to the next thing, and steer clear of the familiar.

Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 140-150, BEST SCORE 215

A ₁	O ₁	U ₁	D ₂	L ₁	S ₁	B ₃

4th Letter Double

RACK 1

O ₁	U ₁	R ₁	G ₂	L ₁	N ₁	C ₃

RACK 2

O ₁	U ₁	C ₃	L ₁	T ₁	S ₁	N ₁

RACK 3

I ₁	O ₁	U ₁	D ₂	P ₃	N ₁	M ₃

Triple Word Score

RACK 4

Yesterday's Solution

R ₁	E ₁	V ₄	E ₁	N ₁	G ₂	E ₁	RACK 1 =	61
S ₁	O ₁	F ₄	A ₁	B ₃	E ₁	D ₂	RACK 2 =	89
F ₄	I ₁	F ₄	T ₁	E ₁	E ₁	N ₁	RACK 3 =	64
P ₃	H ₄	O ₁	B ₃	I ₁	C ₃		RACK 4 =	15
PAR SCORE 150-160								TOTAL 229

FOUR RACK TOTAL

Make a 2-7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get a 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. Scrabble is a trademark of Hasbro in the U.S. and Canada.

Sudoku

DIFFICULT

	4			5		7		
3				7		9		1
	5	7	6			8		
1						4		
	7			4			8	
		8						7
		3			4	2	6	
5		2		1				3
	6		3				9	

Yesterday's Solution

2	8	1	6	7	5	9	3	4
4	6	3	2	1	9	8	7	5
9	7	5	3	4	8	1	6	2
3	2	9	4	6	7	5	1	8
1	5	6	9	8	3	2	4	7
8	4	7	5	2	1	3	9	6
5	1	2	7	3	6	4	8	9
6	9	8	1	5	4	7	2	3
7	3	4	8	9	2	6	5	1

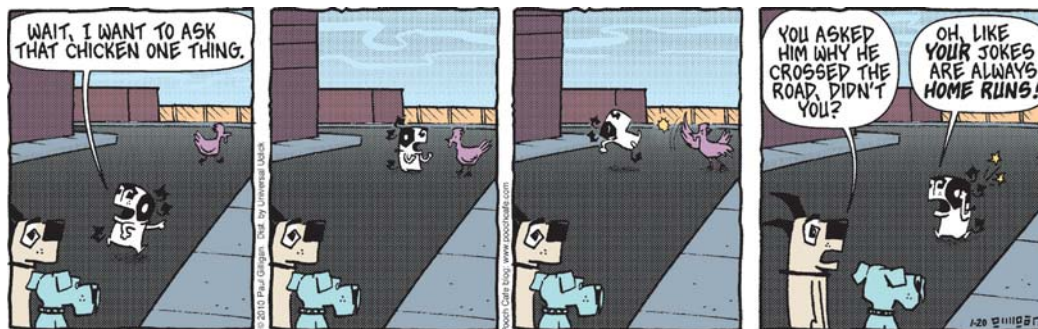
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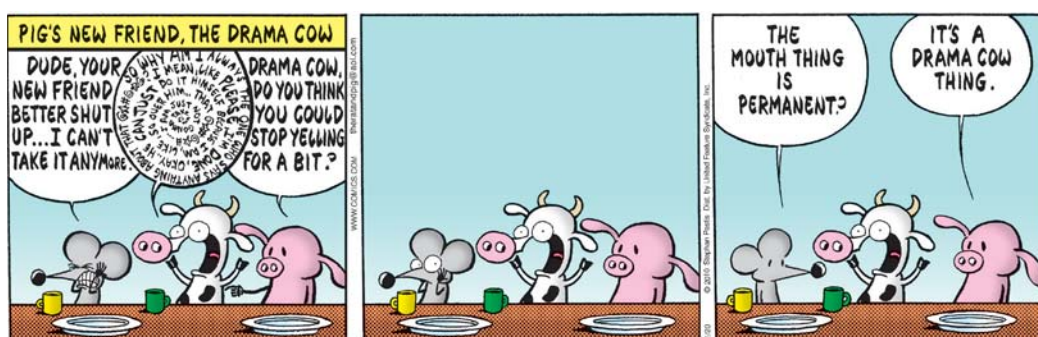
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Forecast

44 | 31

Today: Variably cloudy today. Flurries tonight.

40 | 31

Tomorrow: A flurry tomorrow morning, then rain and sleet. Rain tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead

FRI SAT SUN

36 | 31 44 | 30 45 | 40

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today: 7:23 a.m.
Sunset today: 5:16 p.m.
Moonrise today: 9:42 a.m.
Moonset today: 10:36 p.m.

Almanac


Normal high: 42
Record high: 71
Normal low: 27
Record low: -4

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A Community Integrated Master Plan (CIMP) is being developed to evaluate community-military development partnership opportunities in the vicinity of Marine Barracks Washington, DC. Recognizing that Marine Barracks Washington and the community are linked in past and present, the CIMP aims to use a coordinated planning process to address development needs of the local community and Marine Corps.

An open house format **Public Information Meeting** will be held at **Eastern Market - North Hall** at Marine Barracks Washington on **Wednesday, January 27, 2010**. You are invited to attend anytime between **5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.** Your participation will assist the planning team in identifying issues, concerns, and potential opportunities for military-community development partnering. During the public information meeting, technical representatives will be available to describe and answer questions regarding the CIMP goals, process, and ongoing opportunities for public involvement; potential development needs to be addressed in the CIMP; and the Marine Barracks Washington mission.

If you are unable to attend this public information meeting, you may visit our website at www.sedistrictcimp.com to obtain information disseminated at the meeting and post comments, or submit written comments to:

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Public Affairs Officer
Marine Barracks
Washington
8th and I Streets SE
Washington, DC 20390

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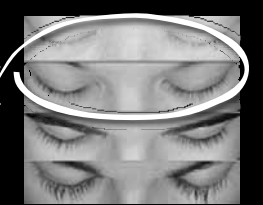
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lookout puzzles

Crossword

LEAP OF FAITH

ACROSS

- 1 Either horn of a crescent moon
5 Certain religious Jamaican, briefly
10 Slightly open
14 Climactic lead-in
15 Called strikes and balls
16 Artificial bait
17 Entranced
19 Evangelical's cry
20 Modicum of color
21 What you might wind up with
22 Domestic squabble
23 Saws wood
25 Outback offerings
27 Goddess of the rainbow
29 Cotton sheets
32 Minuteman III or Peacekeeper
35 Slender, long-legged African wildcat
39 Vessel for a non-singles cruise?
40 Deep-pile Scandinavian rug
41 Foolishness
42 2004 Jamie Foxx biopic
43 Supply with a staff
44 Alpaca cousins
45 Affliction of the eye
46 It's just over a foot
48 "___ we forget ..."
50 Looked at
54 "20 Questions" category
58 Head in a stein
60 Alimony check payees
62 Play ___ in (be involved with)
63 Decorative needle case
64 Chinese appetizer
66 Feature of the Earth
67 Emulate Eden's serpent
68 Morales in "La Bamba"
69 Biblical book
70 Reduce drastically
71 Actress Sofer

DOWN

- 1 Acting ensembles
2 Remove, as a boutonniere
3 Dictator's underling?
4 Mayflower passenger
5 Do some massaging
6 Bow-wielding boy
7 Gushes forth (var.)
8 CIA director under Clinton and Bush
9 Muddle
10 "Northern Exposure" setting
11 Auto boost?
12 51, famously
13 Tony-winning musical of 1996
18 Contemptuous expression
24 Fiber used in rug-making
26 With aplomb
28 ___ record (break an

- old mark)
30 Airline passenger's table
31 Inner Hebrides island
32 "___ la Douce"
33 Blue hue
34 Place for valuables
36 Caribbean quaff
37 Ampule
38 "Adrift: Seventy-Six Days Lost ___"
41 Decamp
45 Bar accessory
47 Boundaries
49 Fishing line problem
51 Adam, Jerry and Mae
52 Banish
53 Beef casing
55 Antlered animal
56 Haggard hero
Quatermain

- 57 George Sand novel
58 Crumbly Greek cheese
59 Pertaining to hearing
61 Has a taste of, as wine
65 Indefinite degree

Yesterday's Solution

P	I	K	E	S	C	H	I	E	F	H	I	P
E	L	I	D	E	O	U	T	D	O	O	N	O
G	O	D	D	A	U	G	H	T	E	R	O	H
N	O	R	S	E	N	E	A	R	E	R		
M	B	A	S	E	N	S	E	T	A	R	E	
A	L	P	S	T	E	P	F	A	T	H	E	R
A	E	L	S	C	I	R	R	I				
T	H	R	O	U	G	H	C	O	A	R	S	E
G	E	N	I	I			B	E	L	L	E	
G	R	E	A	T	U	N	C	L	E	D	I	L
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N	T	H	A	L	F	B	R	O	T	H	E	R
G	A	T	A	V	O	I	D	S	T	O	G	Y
E	L	Y	T	E	T	R	A	H	O	D	G	E

Today in History

- 1841** The island of Hong Kong is ceded to Great Britain.
- 2006** Japan halts all imports of U.S. beef because of mad cow fears threatening millions of dollars in American exports and sending officials scrambling to repair delicate trade relations.
- 2009** Barack Obama becomes the 44th president — and first black chief executive — of the U.S.

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**EXPIRED****Nobody Informs Playboy the Whole Cougar Thing Is Over**

Kelly Bensimon, 41, of "The Real Housewives of New York" will pose nude for Playboy's March issue, Us-magazine.com reported. The reality star will appear on the cover and in a six-page pictorial shot by her ex-husband, fashion photographer Gilles Bensimon. Fellow housewife Bethenny Frankel has already posed nude, for a PETA ad. (EXPRESS)

SPLITS**Ailing Actor Seeks Divorce After 13 Years**

Dennis Hopper filed for divorce Thursday in Los Angeles, citing irreconcilable differences with Victoria Duffy, his wife of 13 years. The 73-year-old actor has been battling prostate cancer and in October canceled all travel plans to focus on treatment. He is seeking joint custody of the couple's 6-year-old daughter and offering to pay spousal support to Duffy. (AP)



Hopper, with his estranged wife, Duffy, is suffering from prostate cancer.

Ouchie**Spinal MRI Needed for Backlash**

Women dominated the nominations for Britain's leading music awards — the Brits — but Internet sensation and "Britain's Got Talent" breakout star Susan Boyle was snubbed. The awards are the U.K. equivalent of the Grammys. Most winners are selected by a vote of more than 1,000 industry members. (AP)



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TAKE-BACKSIES**Paging Damage Control**

Kim Kardashian is denying media reports that she made a deal with her boyfriend, Reggie Bush: If the New Orleans Saints win the Super Bowl, she'll get an engagement ring. An "interviewer asked what I dreamed for in 2010," she wrote on her blog. "They said what about a ring. ... I said yes, a Superbowl ring for Reggie. Then they said that if he gets a Superbowl ring, I get an engagement ring and I said 'ok deal!' LOL." (EXPRESS)

**CHARITY****Concert Proceeds to Go to Haiti Relief Efforts**

James Taylor is planning a benefit concert in Great Barrington, Mass., to aid earthquake relief efforts in Haiti. Proceeds from the concert scheduled for Friday will go to Partners in Health. The Boston-based group brings modern medical care to poor nations and has been working in Haiti for more than 20 years. Singer-songwriter Taylor says in a statement that he and his wife, Kim, will match proceeds from sales of tickets. (AP)

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